

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of Claims in the Application.

**Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method for alleviating somatic pain ~~or spasticity~~ in a patient suffering from spinal cord injury, said method comprising the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof sufficient to alleviate the somatic pain ~~or spasticity~~.
2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered orally.
3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the effective amount of sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is 5 to 500 mg per day.
- 4-8 (Canceled)
9. (New) A method for alleviating spasticity in a patient suffering from spinal cord injury, said method comprising the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof sufficient to alleviate spasticity.
10. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered orally.
11. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the effective amount of sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is 5 to 500 mg per day.